

History of D/13 Flag

In 2000 following an unsuccessful earlier attempt to design a D/ 13 flag, D/ C Al Ezcurra suggested that we use the burgee of the former Los Angeles Power Squadron as the basis for a D/ 13 flag. His reason for this suggestion was that Los Angeles Power Squadron had been one of the first west- coast squadrons and helped or encouraged the formation of many of the present squadrons, including some no longer a part of D/ 13. Since Los Angeles Squadron no longer was in existence the use of their former burgee design within a district flag was acceptable. P/ C/ C Walter Cosdon loaned us his personal Los Angeles Squadron burgee to use in the design process.

Kenneth Griffing, a member of the District Bridge at that time, had had former discussions with Flag & Etiquette regarding their desires in flag and burgee design and volunteered to draw or make a sample of the proposed design. Because of the age of the district (over 50 years) the flag was eligible to have a gold colored edge. Suggestions were made to use Roman numerals to designate the 13 as it would read the same from both sides.

The design proposed used Old Glory Blue from the burgee to surround the burgee configuration both above and below and to represent the blue of the sky under which and of the blue Pacific Ocean upon which we often sail. The XIII was to be arranged vertically near the fly end of the flag to designate District 13. A gold edge on the flag designated that the District was over 50 years old, having been Chartered on 12 May, 1941. The proposed design was informally shown to members of the Flag & Etiquette Committee for comment, which was very favorable.

The design was displayed for the Fall 2000 District 13 Conference and was approved by that meeting. Upon submission for approval to Flag & Etiquette, they pointed out that Council approval was required, and although the Conference was a higher authority, the design was again approved at the 30 November, 2000 District 13 Council. The January 2001 Annual Meeting, in Orlando, Florida subsequently also approved the design and made the flag official.

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